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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Martin Cummings of Mt.
Juliet.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of this General Assembly learned of the passing of Martin Cummings, the son of the late Omer and LaDelle Cummings; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cummings was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a veteran of the Korean War, Mr. Cummings valiantly served his country in the United States Air Force; and

WHEREAS, Martin Cummings served with acumen and alacrity as a real estate broker and as Chairman of the Wilson County Planning Commission, in which positions he earned the respect of his fellow citizens for the exemplary quality of his work and his dedication to promoting the greater good; and

WHEREAS, receiving his real estate license in 1973, Mr. Cummings owned his own real estate company for many years; for the past ten years, he served as Vice President and Managing Broker of the first Crye-Leike office in Middle Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, holding both the Graduate Realtors Institute and Certified Residential Specialist degrees, Martin Cummings was committed to the promotion and advancement of the real estate profession, serving astutely as a member of the Tennessee Real Estate Commission and as Chair of the Tennessee Association of Realtors and as a member of the organization's Realtors' Political Action Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cummings was showered with accolades throughout his illustrious career, being named the Wilson County Association of Realtors' "Realtor of the Year" twice (the second time being in 1986) and earning a Lifetime Membership in the Wilson County Board of Realtors Million Dollar Sales Club; in 1999 he received the Pioneer Award for lifetime accomplishment in the Wilson County Association of Realtors; and

WHEREAS, indicative of his concern for the whole of humankind, Martin Cummings was honored with the Crye-Leike Community Service Award for raising more than one million dollars for over 100 charities in his 28-year career as an auctioneer and realtor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cummings was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Martin Cummings enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of 51 years, Camelia Rose, whom he married on April 15, 1952, while on weekend leave from the Air Force; and

WHEREAS, the proud father of five children, Mr. Cummings was preceded in death by a daughter, Jeanna Powell, and a son, Keith Brent Cummings; he is survived by two daughters, Paula K. Lannom and Rachel Gunnels, and a son, Barry Cummings; six grandchildren, Kim Powell, Erica Powell, Lance Lannom, Shane Lannom, Taylor Beth Gunnels and Kaela Cummings; and three siblings, Linda Pedigo, June Smith and Charles "Booty" Cummings, by whom he will be deeply missed; and

WHEREAS, Martin Cummings was an active and devout member of the Corinth Church of Christ, which he served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, Martin Cummings leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life and diligence and dedication in all his professional endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby pause to honor the memory of Mr. Martin Cummings, recalling fondly his life of purpose and commitment and his many valuable contributions to the Mt. Juliet community and to Tennessee, even as we mourn his death. We extend our sympathy and condolences to Mr. Cummings' family and many friends.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.